GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Teaching Languages in Schools
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to make Urdu education compulsory in schools and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the three-language policy in schools has succeeded in creating a uniform medium of communication across the country; and

(c) if so, the details of the percentage of students who learn English and Hindi in schools, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) to (c): There is no plan to make Urdu education compulsory in schools. Education being in the concurrent list of the constitution and school education is governed by the Education Act of the respective State Governments. Therefore, it is for them to maintain data with regard to three language policy in schools. No such centralized data is maintained.